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REMARKS

In response to the Final Office Action mailed June 5, 2008, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration. To further the prosecution of this Application, Applicant submits the following remarks, has canceled claims, and has amended claims. The claims as now presented are believed to be in allowable condition.

Claims 1-26 were pending in this Application. By this Amendment, claims 1-8 and 24-25 have been canceled. Applicant expressly reserves the right to prosecute at least some of the canceled claims and similar claims in one or more related Applications. Claims 9 and 26 have been amended. Accordingly, claims 9-23 and 26 are now pending in this Application. Claims 9 and 18 are independent claims.

Allowed Claims

Claims 18-23 have been allowed.

Claims 9-17 were objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim but were deemed allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant has rewritten claim 9 to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, claims 9-17 are now in allowable condition.

Applicant has amended claim 26 to depend from allowed claim 9. Accordingly, claim 26 is now in allowable condition.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing remarks, this Application should be in condition for allowance. A Notice to this effect is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes, after this Amendment, that the Application is not in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call the Applicant's Representative at the number below.

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Applicant hereby petitions for any extension of time which is required to maintain the pendency of this case. If there is a fee occasioned by this Amendment, including an extension fee, please charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 50-3661.

If the enclosed papers or fees are considered incomplete, the Patent Office is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned collect at (508) 616-2900, in Westborough, Massachusetts.

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